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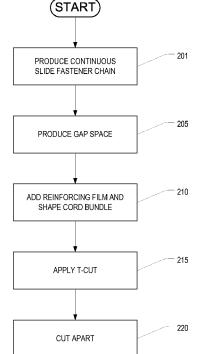
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(57) ABSTRACT

A method of installing a slide fastener assembly in a thin shell garment includes: providing a slide fastener chain comprised of two interlocked rows of teeth, each row of teeth being attached to a cord bundle of a respective slide fastener tape; removing the interlocked rows of teeth from a portion of the slide fastener chain, thereby defining a length of the slide fastener chain without teeth; introducing a reinforcing film to the cord bundles, at a location along the length of the slide fastener chain without teeth, to shape the cord bundles for accommodation of a pin and box assembly; cutting the slide fastener chain at a film-reinforced location along the length of the slide fastener chain without teeth, thereby defining a semifinished slide fastener assembly terminating in a film-reinforced end; and attaching the semi-finished slide fastener assembly to one or more panels of a thin shell garment. After attachment of the semi-finished slide fastener assembly to the one or more panels of the thin shell garment, the pin and box assembly is installed at the film-reinforced end of the semifinished slide fastener assembly.



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